

## **Cooperation agreement between BfR and the Croatian Agency for Agriculture and Food (HAPIH) renewed**

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On February 9<sup>th</sup> 2023, the cooperation agreement between the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) and the Croatian Agency for Agriculture and Food (HAPIH) was renewed. Director of HAPIH, Dr Darja Sokolić, and President of BfR, Professor Dr Dr Andreas Hensel, signed the renewed contract.

HAPIH conducts research in the fields of plant protection, fruit and vegetable cultivation, agricultural land and livestock, quality control of food and feed products and food safety.

The first cooperation agreement was signed in March 2009. The background for the renewal is the official restructuring in the area of food safety. The old cooperation agreement was concluded with the predecessor institution, the Croatian Food Safety Agency.

The cooperation agreement is based on the common interest in strengthening cooperation in the field of scientific risk assessment to avert situations that may affect the consumer health due to foodborne risks. The added value resulting from cooperation and knowledge exchange also enhances the quality of scientific risk assessment.

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